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In re Application of  
Yuri V. Melnik et al  
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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c), filed March 29, 2005, which is being treated under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for express abandonment. See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3). The above-identified application is expressly abandoned in favor of a continuing application.

The application is hereby withdrawn from issue, and the abandonment is hereby recognized.

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This matter is being referred to Files Repository.

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